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Listing of Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising:

a point light source;

a photodetector;

a lens, positioned in the same side of said point light source and said photodetector, said lens capable of focusing a light from said point light source onto a target area of an object through said lens, and capable of focusing a reflected light from said target area of said object onto said photodetector through said lens; and

wherein said object comprises a test strip comprising a light-absorbing area capable of occurring in response to a specific component of a tested solution contacting therewith and capable of absorbing said light emitting from said point light source; and

wherein said point light source is capable of radiating a light with a first wavelength and a light with a second wavelength, said tested solution contained in said light-absorbing area of said test strip is capable of absorbing said light with the first wavelength, wherein a sampling amount of said tested solution is determined in accordance with the reflectance of said light with the first wavelength from said light-absorbing area, and said light-absorbing area is capable of occurring in response to said specific component of said tested solution and is capable of absorbing said light with the second wavelength, wherein a content of said specific component is determined in accordance with the reflectance of said light with the second wavelength from said light-absorbing area.

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2. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a holder capable of holding said point light source at a first end thereof and holding said photodetector at a second end thereof opposite said first end.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said object is placed at a focal position of said lens.

4. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said point light source comprises a light emitting diode.

5. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said photodetector is capable of generating a response current in response to said reflected light from said target area of said object.

6. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said photodetector comprises one or more of the following a photodiode, a charge-coupled device, or a complex metal oxide semiconductor sensor, or combinations thereof.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said specific component of said tested solution to be detected depends on an enzyme system contained in said test strip.

10. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising means for monitoring a concentration of glucose in a blood sample.

11. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising means for monitoring a concentration of cholesterol in a blood sample.

12. (Previously presented) An apparatus, comprising:

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a holder;
a point light source, disposed at a first end of said holder;
a photodetector, disposed at a second end of said holder opposite said first end, said first end and said second end formed on the same side of said holder; and
a lens, disposed at the same side of said point light source and said photodetector, said lens capable of focusing a light from said point light source through said lens onto a target area of an object placed at a focal position of said lens, and capable of focusing a reflected light from said target area of said object onto said photodetector through said lens.

13. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said point light source comprises a light emitting diode.

14. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said photodetector is capable of generating a response current in response to said reflected light from said target area of said object.

15. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said photodetector comprises one or more of the following a photodiode, a charge-coupled device, or a complex metal oxide semiconductor sensor, or combinations thereof.

16. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said object comprises a test strip comprising a light-absorbing area capable of occurring in response to a specific component of a tested solution contacting therewith and capable of absorbing said light emitting from said point light source.

17. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said point light source is capable of radiating a light with a first wavelength and a light with a second wavelength, said tested solution contained in said light-absorbing area of said test strip is capable of absorbing said light with the first wavelength, and said light-absorbing area is capable of absorbing said light with the second wavelength.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said specific component of said tested solution to be detected depends on an enzyme system contained in said test strip.

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19. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising means for monitoring a concentration of glucose in a blood sample.

20. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising means for monitoring a concentration of cholesterol in a blood sample.

21. (Previously presented) An apparatus, comprising:
means for emitting a point of light onto a target area of an object;
means for detecting a reflected light from said target area of said object;
means for focusing said point of light onto said target area of said object and for focusing said reflected light onto said means for detecting, wherein said means for focusing is positioned to the same side of said means for emitting and said means for detecting; and
means for holding said means for emitting and said means for detecting, wherein said means for emitting is located at a first end of said means for holding, and wherein said means for detecting is located opposite said first end at a second end of said means for holding.

22. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said object is placed at a focal position of said means for focusing.

23. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said means for emitting comprises a light emitting diode.

24. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said means for detecting is capable of generating a response current in response to said reflected light.

25. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein said means for detecting comprises one or more of the following a photodiode, a charge-coupled device, or a complex metal oxide semiconductor sensor, or combinations thereof.

26. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said object comprises a test strip comprising a light-absorbing area capable of occurring in response to a specific

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component of a tested solution contacting therewith and capable of absorbing said light emitting from said point light source.

27. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein said point light source is capable of radiating a light with a first wavelength and a light with a second wavelength, said tested solution contained in said light-absorbing area of said test strip is capable of absorbing said light with the first wavelength, and said light-absorbing area is capable of absorbing said light with the second wavelength.

28. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein said specific component of said tested solution to be detected depends on an enzyme system contained in said test strip.

29. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 28, further comprising means for monitoring a concentration of glucose in a blood sample.

30. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 28, further comprising means for monitoring a concentration of cholesterol in a blood sample.

31. (Previously presented) A method, comprising:
emitting a point of light onto a target area of an object via a point light source located at a first end of a holder;
detecting a reflected light from said target area of said object via a photodetector located opposite said first end at a second end of said holder; and
focusing said point of light onto said target area of said object and for focusing said reflected light onto said photodetector via a lens positioned to the same side of said point light source and said photodetector.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising placing said object at a focal position of said lens.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein said emitting a point of light onto a target area of an object via a point light source comprises emitting a point of light onto a target area of an object via a point light source comprising a light emitting diode.

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34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising generating a response current in response to said reflected light via said photodetector.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said detecting a reflected light from said target area of said object via a photodetector comprises detecting a reflected light from said target area of said object via a photodetector comprising one or more of the following a photodiode, a charge-coupled device, or a complex metal oxide semiconductor sensor, or combinations thereof.

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising producing a light-absorbing area on said object in response to a specific component of a tested solution contacting therewith and capable of absorbing said light emitting from said point light source.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36, further comprising radiating a light with a first wavelength and a light with a second wavelength via said point light source, absorbing said light with the first wavelength via said tested solution contained in said light-absorbing area of said object, and absorbing said light with the second wavelength via said light-absorbing area.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein said specific component of said tested solution to be detected depends on an enzyme system contained in said object.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising monitoring a concentration of glucose in a blood sample.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising monitoring a concentration of cholesterol in a blood sample.